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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/796,960	Applicant(s) LISTENBERG, ZIVA	
	Examiner Mark Fadok	Art Unit 3625	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-15 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-15 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

The examiner is in receipt of applicant's response to office action mailed 4/26/2006, which was received 10/26/2006. Acknowledgement is made to the amendment to claim 13 and the cancellation to claims 1-12, 16 and 17, leaving claims 13-15 and 18 as pending in the instant application. The applicant's amendment and remarks have been carefully considered and were found to be persuasive, however after further searching a new grounds of rejection follows:

Examiner's Note

Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers or figures in the references as applied to the claims below for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant, in preparing the responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 13,14 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Razumov (US 2002/0016742).

In regards to claim 13, Razumov discloses a method for selling consumable items (abstract), comprising the steps of: (a) showing display items to a customer,

wherein each of said display items is not itself available for purchase but visually represents a corresponding one of the consumable items available for purchase (para 0010)

said display items having purchase codes associated respectively with the consumable items (para 0010);

(b) receiving a shopping list and delivery instructions from said customer (para 0015),

said shopping list being created by collecting a plurality of said purchase codes from a plurality of the consumable items (para 0014),

said delivery instructions being indicative of a requested delivery point for delivery of said purchase items (para 0015);

(c) transferring said shopping list and said instructions to a warehouse and packing facility at a location separate from a location at which said display items are shown to said customer, said warehouse and packing facility including the consumable items (para 0029); and

(d) packing purchased items according to said shopping list and delivering said purchased items to said requested delivery point (para 0029).

In regards to claim 14, Razumov teaches collecting is performed using a bar code scanner (para 0033).

In regards to claim 18, Razumov teaches wherein said display items are shown to said customers at each of a plurality of sales locations (0010), and

wherein shopping lists created at each of said plurality of locations are transferred to said warehouse and packing facility for packing and delivery according to said shopping lists created at each of said plurality of sales locations (para 0021).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Razumov in view of Official Notice.

In regards to claim 15, Razumov teaches a management facility for maintaining goods and setting prices, but does not specifically mention receiving a new variety of the consumable items into said warehouse and packing facility; and updating said

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display items to represent said new variety. The examiner takes Official Notice that updating items available in a store with new items that have been received in stock was old and well known in the art at the time of the invention. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include in Razumov receiving a new variety of the consumable items into said warehouse and packing facility; and updating said display items to represent said new variety, because this would permit obsolete products to be replaced by new products thus utilizing the shelf space more efficiently and would also permit the store to replace products where a better negotiated cost had been established.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 13-15 and 18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Mark Fadok** whose telephone number is **571.272.6755**. The examiner can normally be reached Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Jeffrey A. Smith** can be reached on **571.272.6763**.

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